

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

THE GATHERING INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

WORSHIP CHIMES

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

PRELUDE "O Come, Little Children"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Tony Merry
Todd Sands
D. Wood

*OPENING HYMN 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

ADVENT HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 6)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Matthew 11:2-11 The Graham Family

ADVENT HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (refrain only)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Angels We Have Heard on Silent Night" J. Cowell

MANGER TALES

INTRODUCTION

PART I

SCRIPTURE

HYMN 219

Matthew 1:18-25
"What Child Is This?"
[vs. 1 – congregation; vs. 1 – instruments; vs. 2 - congregation]

PART II

HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

HYMN

"Silent Night"
Children

PART III

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-20

HYMN

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"
Children – Instruments

PART IV

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN 246

"Joy to the World"
Congregation – vs. 1, 2
"Away In a Manger"
Children

HYMN

*CLOSING HYMN 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" [vs. 1, 3, 6]
Congregation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"God Rest You Merry"

W. Held

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Participants in today's program —

Coty Brown	Jannah Flarey	Elisa Simons
Bill Cochran	Jordan Flarey	Tom Swan
Gabe Dolen	Nick Flarey	Christy Swope
Libby Dolen	Noelle Flarey	Cindi Swope
Avery Dunn	Carley Oldfield	Dana Swope
Nora Dunn	Lexi Oldfield	Lucy Thorne

Instruments -

Mark Chow – Jim Gillespie – Bob Lentz – Margaret Merry – Tony Merry – Bob Paap – Tom Swan

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 23

Worship – 24, 95

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 11 Cassie Burris, Greg Mahle, Carol Taylor
December 12 Michael Bednarczuk, Corey Bruns, Allison Sidwell
December 13 Julia Adams, Meghan Huston
December 14 Elizabeth Cale, Nicholas Graham, Abbey Melsheimer, Becky Spade
December 15 Mike Alfman, Bob Moon, Ruth Robson
December 16 Nathan Zangmeister
December 17 Kay Beam, Jeffrey Smith

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, December 11	11:30 a.m.	Family Christmas Potluck – F. Hall
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> – Central Trinity UMC
Monday, December 12		
Tuesday, December 13		
Wednesday, December 14	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Party – Swan Home
		<i>GRAPEVINE Deadline</i>
Friday, December 16	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, December 17		
Sunday, December 18	NO	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

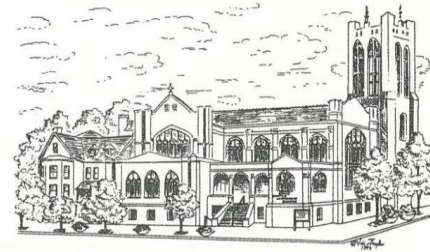
GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

CONTRIBUTIONS to be credited to 2016 must be in the church office before noon, December 29. Any money received after that date will be credited to 2017.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE – December 24

7:15 p.m. Music of the Season
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service – Sanctuary

GLOVES/MITTENS/SOCKS - With winter coming, LifeWell Free Store needs all sizes of gloves/mittens/socks. You may put them in the box at the rear of the sanctuary or the box in the Fellowship Hall.



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WELCOME to Grace United Methodist Church. This morning the children and youth will present *Manger Tales*.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2017 are located on a table at the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up – they are in alphabetical order. If you want envelopes but have not had them in the past, see Judy.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK — TODAY following the service. Please stay for this event. Even if you forgot food....please come! We'll have plenty!

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

The 87th annual performance of Handel's *MESSIAH* by the Civic Chorus and Orchestra will be TONIGHT at **6:00** p.m. at Central Trinity U. M. Church (7th & South Sts.).

Sunday, December 18 — **ONE** worship celebration at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

Music of the Season begins at 7:15 p.m.
Communion with Candlelight begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25 — **ONE** worship celebration at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary

